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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in
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reflects its relative pertinence. The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-333107 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published December 18, 1998;

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Miyagawa, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,321, issued June 27, 2000;
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-175326 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published June 30, 1998;
- (4) Matsubara et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,093,676, issued March 3, 1992; and
- (5) Matsubara et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,902,111, issued February 20, 1990.

Document (2) is a U.S. counterpart of Document (1).

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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